

**Sale Name:** U.S. Marshals Service Stamps Auction

**LOT 3115**



**Seller** Southern District of New York

**Description**

COLLECTIBLE: INDIA, 1911, Feb. 18, First Aerial Post, Allahabad-Naini. India King Edward VII ¼a postal card cancelled by bold black "First Aerial Post, U.P. Exhibition Allahabad, 1911" fight cachet with "Allahabad 18 FE 11" circular datestamp at bottom left, left unaddressed, back with manuscript "With the founders compliments, W. Windham, the only ones done in black" VERY FINE. THE FIRST AERIAL POST CACHET IN BLACK IS EXCEPTIONALLY RARE. FEW EXAMPLES ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST. According to Jain in his Indian Airmails book (p. 18), this strike in black is considered experimental and was only done on behalf of officials. The notation on the back indicates it was done more in favor. Regardless, strikes of the cachet in black are very rare. Walter Windham (1868-1942) was the organizer of this flight, which was piloted by Henri Pequet. Ex Frommer.

**Quantity:** 1



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